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Dear Ms. Hesse:

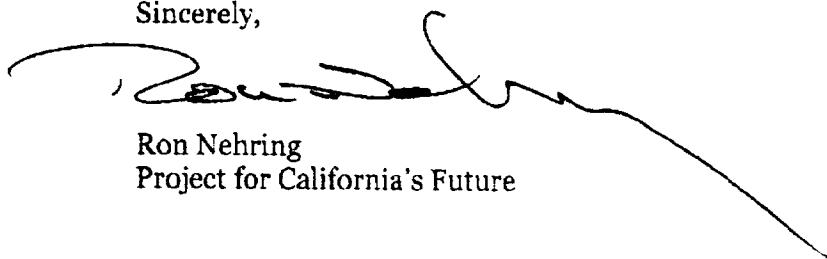
I have followed the Microsoft case for some time now and truly believe the settlement being offered is fair and positive. This letter is meant as an expression of my support for the consent decree currently on the table.

I believe both sides in this case have constructed a settlement which adequately addresses all the issues of concern. Judge Kollar-Kotelly did a tremendous job working with all parties to ensure the process was just. I believe her recommendation should be seriously considered.

The settlement goes in and corrects whatever competitive advantage Microsoft may have had previously. Source codes are now open, a monitor has total access to Microsoft's products, and the watchful eye of the Federal Government will ensure the playing field is level.

Some competitors will gripe. They will want more. Of course they will want more...it helps their company. I am writing to say that this agreement does enough. It should be approved of the technology industry should get back to business as usual.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Nehring', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Ron Nehring  
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